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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 616
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A RESOLUTION to designate Thursday, April 11, 2002 as World
Parkinson's Disease Day in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a progressive disorder of the central nervous system affecting a million and a half Americans as sufferers or caregivers; and

WHEREAS, since 1961, The American Parkinson's Disease Association, Inc. (APDA) has worked to "Ease the Burden and Find the Cure" for this disease through research, patient and family services, education and sponsorship of its several Chapters, Information and Referral Centers and hundreds of support groups; and

WHEREAS, the first ever World Parkinson's Disease Day was held on April 11, 1997, the birthday of Dr. James Parkinson (1755-1824); Dr. Parkinson, a London physician, published an essay entitled "The Shaking Palsy" in 1817, setting forth the first clear description of the main symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Tennessee Chapter of APDA will host an informational opportunity at Centennial Medical Center on Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. (CST) for all residents of Nashville to learn more about Parkinson's Disease and how they can help; and

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WHEREAS, this legislative body recognizes and commends the efforts of APDA in providing information, referrals, patient and family support and education, as well as securing funding for ongoing research; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That in recognition of the indispensable services of the American Parkinson's Disease Association to the citizens of Tennessee and of the United States, we hereby designate Thursday, April 11, 2002, as "World Parkinson's Disease Day" in Tennessee in honor of the vitally important work of APDA to combat this serious disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.